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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/6/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7 and 9-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7, 9-45 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The preliminary amendment filed 6 April 2005 has been entered. Claims 1, 8, and 46 have been canceled; claims 2 – 7, and 9 - 45 are pending.

Applicant is advised that claim 11 is confusing as it depends from claim 1 which is canceled. For the purposes of restriction, claim 11 has been construed to depend from claim 2. Appropriate clarification is requested, particularly if applicant elects group 2, which includes claim 11.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group 1, claim(s) 2 (in part), 3 - 7, and 9 - 10, drawn to methods for detecting polypeptides comprising contacting a sample with an agent which binds a polypeptide.

Group 2, claim(s) 2 (in part) and 11 – 15, drawn to methods for detecting polypeptides comprising the detection of a nucleic acid.

Group 3, claim(s) 16 – 19, drawn to methods of treating neurodegenerative diseases comprising administration of a medicament comprising polypeptides.

Group 4, claim(s) 20 (in part) and 21 – 28, drawn to methods of treating neurodegenerative diseases comprising administration of a medicament comprising antagonists of a polypeptide, wherein the antagonist is an antibody or antibody part which binds the polypeptide.

Group 5, claim(s) 20 (in part) and 29 - 42, drawn to methods of treating neurodegenerative diseases comprising administration of a medicament comprising antagonists of a polypeptide, wherein the antagonist is nucleic acid.

Group 6, claim(s) 43 – 45, drawn to screening methods.

3. The inventions listed as Groups 1 – 6 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Group 1 is directed to a method of detecting polypeptide comprising contacting a sample with an agent which binds to the polypeptide. This technical feature is not required for any of the remaining groups. Group 2 requires detecting a

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nucleic acid; Groups 3 - 5 require administering polypeptides or antagonists thereof to patients; Group 6 requires providing cells and agents to be tested. The technical features of Groups 2 – 6 are not required for Group 1, and vice versa. The six groups enumerated above do not share the same or a corresponding special technical feature. Note that PCT Rule 13 does not provide for multiple methods within the same application. As the special technical feature of Group 1 is not present in the claims of Groups 2 – 6, and the technical features of Groups 2 – 6 are not present in the claims of Group 1, unity of invention is lacking.

4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL KOLKER whose telephone number is (571)272-3181. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Stucker can be reached on (571) 272-0911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Daniel E. Kolker, Ph.D./

Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1649

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